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EDITORIAL

ROOSEVELT'S CHOICE?

Somewhere along the calender between now and next year's presidential election, the administration will have a very important choice to make.

In order to get the support of any appreciable volume of support from big business men, the present relief expenditures must be done away with, the budget balanced, and assurances given that the NRA will not be revived.

Or, the dole, and that is about the majority of the relief agencies amount to, the first in order to get the votes of the relief workers.

It appears to us that therein lies the most consequential decision the administration will be called upon to make.

When pushed to make the decision which will Roosevelt seek, the support of big business or the votes of those on relief? It is hardly conceivable that he can get both.

Can he carry New York state if he goes against the big boys on Wall Street, Al Smith, Tammany and the bankers who demand a balanced budget and no constitutional changes? Can he carry Pennsylvania, New Jersey or Massachusetts with such a policy?

And how can he win without the big blocks of electoral votes these states represent?

Yet, if all the "relifers" or any major portion of them are cut off, how can he win without their three million ballots?

The "big break" would be for business itself to be in a position to early summer to proclaim itself ready to give jobs to them, now on relief, and take the burden from Uncle Sam. Roosevelt will play his hand for just that finesse. But common sense tells us that once the government embarks upon a policy of relief, it is well impossible to cut it out save by a tedious weaning process. Just where is the compromise line? How few actually need relief? How much can the government spend for this purpose, and still balance the budget? These are vexing problems, and we trust that financial expediency will be adhered to as well as political expediency.

BEHIND STAGE

The clever way in which those who want new NRA legislation at the next session of congress have tried to whip quietly through the back door with plans for a new law, has been one of the features at Washington since congress adjourned.

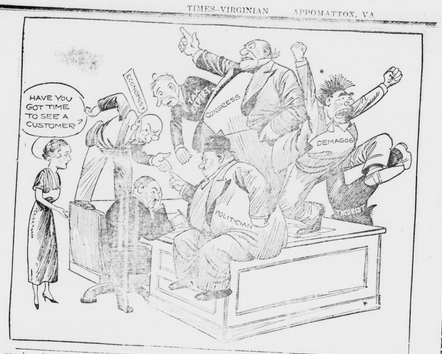
With the overwhelming feeling of the nation set dead against the NRA is any of its nefarious forms, the move has had to be back stage. Here's a hop, that it comes to nought.

Japan demands full rights in the Pacific.

League sanctions to start against Italy on November 18.

Hull pledges U. S. to peace in Italian war.

Leaders see U. S. far on road to recovery from depression.



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Writes Of Recent Trips

Dear Mr. Editor:

While visiting our sister, Mrs. H. E. Jones, we attended the Virginia Hotel Roanoke, October 2-3 inclusive. The meeting was called to order by Judge Holt, president, and invocation by Rev. Mr. Woodfin. Mrs. Woodfin, president; Mrs. Woodfin, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Coolidge; Mesdames Hassinger, Hall, Peery, Peery. The procession of officers and officials of the various clubs standing in front of the mansion, made a beautiful picture. Mrs. Woodfin, in getting seated, introduced Mrs. Roosevelt, an honorable woman and handsome woman and lovely lady. Mrs. Roosevelt's address of welcome was a masterpiece of oratory, and political played its part